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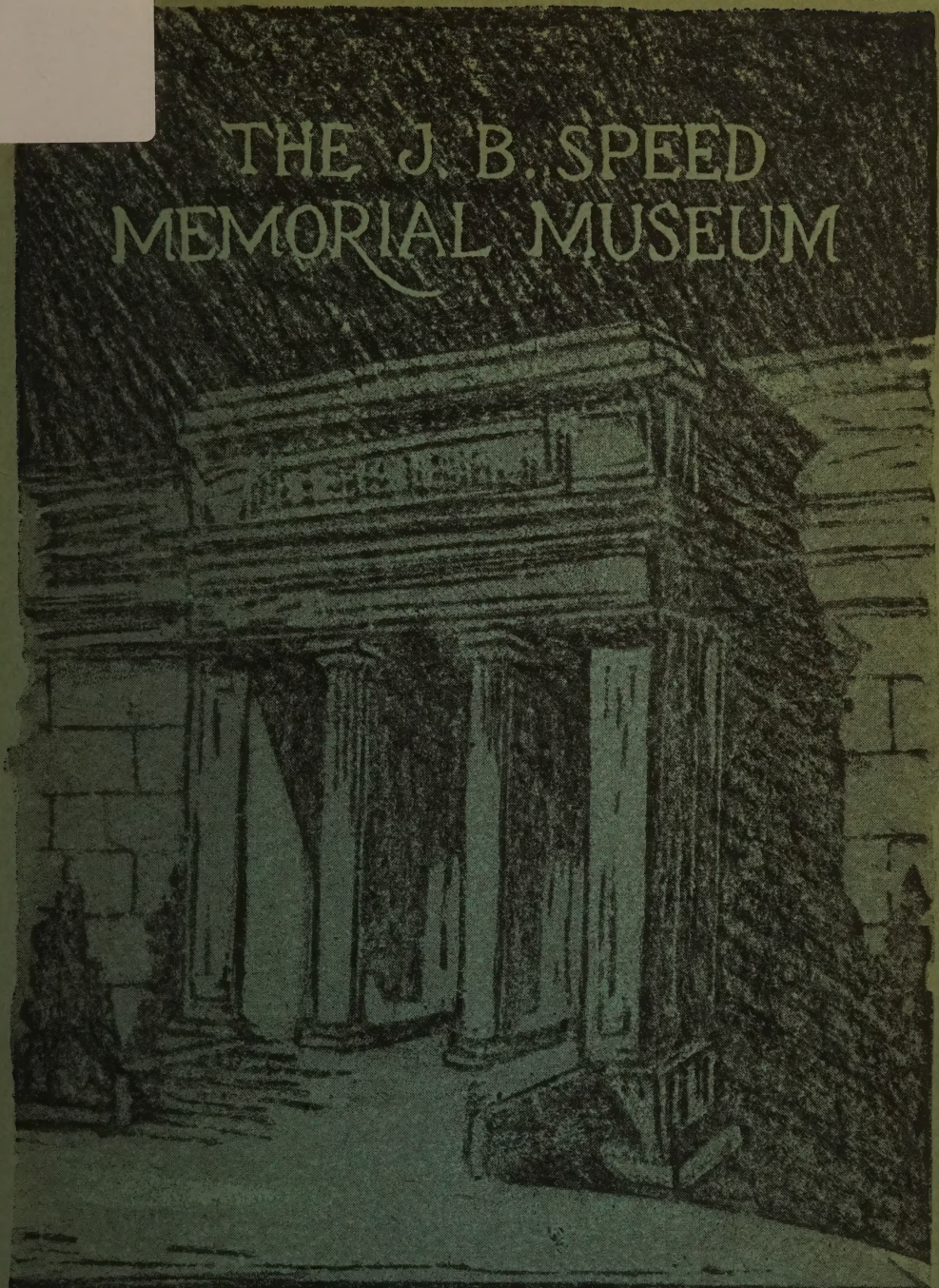

EXHIBITION CATALOGUE

Centenary Exhibition

of the work of

MATTHEW HARRIS JOUETT

Supplemented by the work of

GILBERT STUART, his Master

and

OLIVER FRAZER and
JOHN GRIMES,
his Pupils

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FEBRUARY 19th to MARCH 4th

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Matthew Harris Jouett

The old adage that some men are born great applies very forcibly to *Matt Jouett*, as he was known to his host of admiring friends. Coming as he did from a family which had signally distinguished itself over a long period of time, he associated with and painted the portraits of practically all the outstanding men and women who have so materially assisted in shaping the destiny of this great Commonwealth of Kentucky.

When Jouett was born on April 22, 1788, Kentucky was under the tutelage of her parent State, Virginia. The Indian was still on the war-path, and the lives of those who settled beyond *The Wilderness* were no less romantic than the clothes they wore. Jouett's father, Captain John, had been presented with a sword and a pair of pistols by his grateful State of Virginia for his valuable services during the Revolutionary War. *Matt* in his turn served in the War of 1812, and was present at the Battle of the River Raisin. He came through an unpleasant ordeal only to prove that the paint-brush is mightier than the pistol.

After leaving Transylvania University, he studied law under the Honorable George M. Bibb, of the Court of Appeals at Frankfort. In spite of his decided talent for the Bar, which was admirably fostered by his able mentor, his flair for analyzing the character of his clients on canvas made him dissatisfied with his disputations in the Court Room. In 1817, therefore, he decided to take horse for the studio of Benjamin West in Philadelphia. West was in Europe, so Jouett was advised to ride on to Boston, the home of Gilbert Stuart. He studied with Stuart for about four months and at the end of that time had so captured his admiration and affection that he gave him all the secrets of his own technique. Jouett put this knowledge to such good use that when he wanted to paint *In the Stuart manner*, the canvases of the two artists could scarcely be differentiated.

Notwithstanding this, Jouett has his own individual style and his *own best manner* is as masterly and at the same time more subtle than much of the work of his contemporaries.

During the short years of his activity as an artist he influenced the work of a very attractive young man, John Grimes, who, had he lived, would have contested *Jouett's mantle* with Oliver Frazer, the one destined so gloriously to carry on the Jouett tradition.

Kentucky did not realize the depth of her mourning when Matthew Harris Jouett left the personality of his genius behind in his portraits on August 10th, 1827.

Portraits
by
Matthew Harris Jouett

		Courtesy of
1	Jefferson . . . . . (After Gilbert Stuart)	*Dr. A. J. A. Alexander* *Woodford Co., Ky.*
2	Daniel Weisiger	*Dr. A. J. A. Alexander* *Woodford Co., Ky.*
3	Lucy Price Weisiger . . .	*Dr. A. J. A. Alexander* *Woodford Co., Ky.*
4	Robert Alexander . . . . (Grandfather of owner)	*Dr. A. J. A. Alexander* *Woodford Co., Ky.*
5	Eliza R. Alexander . . .	*Dr. A. J. A. Alexander* *Woodford Co., Ky.*
6	Rev. Isaac McCoy . . . . (Great grandfather of owner)	*Mrs. A. J. A. Alexander* *Woodford Co., Ky.*
7	Jefferson . . . . . (After Gilbert Stuart)	*Mr. Desha Breckinridge* *Lexington, Ky.*
8	The Honorable George Bibb (Chief Justice of Kentucky and U. S. Senator for 6 years from March 4, 1829)	*Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crittenden* *Frankfort, Ky.*
9	Mrs. George Bibb	*Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crittenden* *Frankfort, Ky.*
10	Allison Bibb . . . . . (Their son)	*Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crittenden* *Frankfort, Ky.*
11	Master Logan	*Miss Josephine Carter* *Versailles, Ky.*
12	Mrs. M. Fletcher	*Mr. John Churchill* *Louisville, Ky.*
13	George Croghan	*Mr. Walter Ehrich* *Ehrich Galleries, N. Y.*
14	Mrs. James G. McKinney .	*Mr. Walter Ehrich* *Ehrich Galleries, N. Y.*
15	Master John G. McKinney	*Mr. Walter Ehrich* *Ehrich Galleries, N. Y.*

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		Courtesy of
16	Cuthbert Bullitt . . . . (Merchant)	*Mr. Hugh K. Bullitt* *Louisville, Ky.*
17	Margaret Howard Wickliffe	*Mr. George R. Hunt* *Lexington, Ky.*
18	Squire Warfield	*Mrs. R. M. Kelly* *Louisville, Ky.*
19	Daughter of Dr. Horace Holley . . . . . (Attributed)	*Mrs. R. M. Kelly* *Louisville, Ky.*
20	Self Portrait of Matthew Harris Jouett .	*Mr. Edward S. Jouett* *Louisville, Ky.*
21	Mrs. Matthew Harris Jouett (nee Margaret Allen of Fayette Co., Ky.)	*Cincinnati Museum Association*
22	Judge John McKinley . .	*Judge Alexander P. Humphrey* *Louisville, Ky.*
23	Mr. Justice Thomas Todd (Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, subsequently associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States)	*Mr. George Todd* *New Albany, Ind.*
24	Judge Harry Innes . . . (Commissioned by "Washington" — United States Judge for the District of Kentucky)	*Mr. George Todd* *New Albany, Ind.*
25	Mrs. Harry Innes	*Mr. George Todd* *New Albany, Ind.*
26	Mrs. John J. Crittenden . (nee Maria Knox Innes, Daughter of Judge Harry Innes and 2nd wife of John J. Crittenden, also daughter-in-law of Justice Thos. Todd)	*Mrs. Joseph M. Rogers* *Louisville, Ky.*
27	Mrs. Jouett & Child . . .	*Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky.*
28	Colonel James Masterson . (Indian Fighter)	*Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky.*

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		Courtesy of
29	Dr. Benjamin Dudley . . (Surgeon)	*Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky*
30	Mrs. William Allen . . .	*Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky.*
31	Self Portrait of Matthew Harris Jouett .	*Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky.*
32	Miss Betsy Downing . . .	*Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky.*
33	George Jouett . . . . . (Son of Matthew Harris Jouett)	*Mrs. James Ross Todd* *Louisville, Ky.*
34	Gen. George Rogers Clark . (Opened up the great Northwest and stopped the Indian depredations)	*Filson Club* *Louisville, Ky.*
35	Colonel James Morrison . (Founder of Morrison Hall, Transylvania University)	*Transylvania University* *Lexington, Ky.*
36	Dr. Horace Holley . . . . (President of Transylvania University)	*Transylvania University* *Lexington, Ky.*
37	Dr. James Blythe . . . . (of Transylvania University)	*Transylvania University* *Lexington, Ky.*
38	Mrs. James Blythe . . .	*Transylvania University* *Lexington, Ky.*
39	Henry Clay . . . . . ("No North, No South, No East, No West, Nothing But My Country")	*Transylvania University* *Lexington, Ky.*
40	Colonel John Williams . .	*Mr. T. W. Rainey* *Lexington, Ky.*
41	Maria Cecil Gist	*Mrs. J. R. Morton* *Lexington, Ky.*
42	Lawrence Leavy . . . . (Jouett's closest friend)	*Mrs. J. R. Morton* *Lexington, Ky.*
43	Governor James McDowell (of Virginia)	*Mr. and Mrs. William Preston* *Lexington, Ky.*

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	Courtesy of
44 Mrs. James McDowell . .	*Mr. and Mrs. Preston Johnston* *Lexington, Ky.*
45 Colonel Edmund Taylor, Sr.	*Mrs. John S. Cannon* *Frankfort, Ky.*
~~46~~ 42 Honorable Isham Talbot . (U. S. Senator from Kentucky)	*Mrs. Mary Talbot Rodman* *Frankfort, Ky.*
47 Honorable John Brown . . (First U. S. Senator from Kentucky)	*Mr. Mason P. Brown* *Frankfort, Ky.*
48 Governor Isaac Shelby . . (First Governor of Kentucky)	*Mrs. Edmund Shelby Kinkead* *Lexington, Ky.*
49 John G. Chiles . . . . . (Attributed.) (Owner of The Phoenix, Lexington.)	*Miss Ophelia Chiles* *Lexington, Ky.*
50 Honorable James Johnson (Member of Congress, Brother of Richard M. Johnson; Vice President of the United States under Van Buren)	*Mr. and Mrs. Henry Offutt* *Frankfort, Ky.*
51 Catherine Cornelia Prather	*Mrs. Lewis Humphrey* *Louisville, Ky.*
52 Mrs. Somers . . . . . (Wife of Jouett's physician)	*Mrs. Lewis Humphrey* *Louisville, Ky.*
53 Samuel Vance . . . . . (of Aberdeen, Virginia. Grandfather of Dr. Ap. Morgan Vance)	*Mrs. Ap. Morgan Vance* *Louisville, Ky.*
54 Mrs. Matthew Harris Jouett	*Mr. Richard H. Menefee* *Louisville, Ky.*
55 The Jouett Home	*Mr. Richard H. Menefee* *Louisville, Ky.*
56 Joseph Hamilton Daviess . (Prosecutor of Aaron Burr)	*Mr. J. T. Menefee* *Louisville, Ky.*
57 Blue Boy . . . . . (Attributed)	*Mrs. J. C. Turner* *Lexington, Ky.*

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Courtesy of

58 Peter Grayson, Poet . . . *Mr. and Mrs. William Wymond*
Louisville, Ky.

59 Capt. Robinson de Hart . *Mrs. J. B. Speed*
Louisville, Ky.

60 Thomas Prather . . . . . *Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Minnigerode*
Louisville, Ky.

61 William Prather . . . . . *Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Minnigerode*
(His Son) *Louisville, Ky.*

62 James Moore . . . . . *Mrs. J. W. Moore*
(First President of Transylvania University) *Louisville, Ky.*

63 Elizabeth Jouett . . . . *Mr. Matt H. Crawford*
(Sister of the Artist) *Louisville, Ky.*

"Washington" Portraits

ATTRIBUTED TO GILBERT STUART

64 George Washington . . . *Filson Club*
Louisville, Ky.

65 George Washington . . . *Mrs. George Bayless*
Simpsonville, Ky.

66 George Washington . . . *Mr. George Todd*
New Albany, Ind.

Portraits by Gilbert Stuart

67 Wilson Cary Nicholas . . *Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hewett*
(Governor of Virginia) *Louisville, Ky.*

68 Governor Desha . . . . . *Mr. Desha Breckinridge*
(Attributed) *Lexington, Ky.*

Portraits by Oliver Frazer

69 Jouett Menefee . . . . . *Mrs. James Ross Todd*
Louisville, Ky.

70 Col. Wm. R. McKee } . . *Miss Alice Lafon Jones*
and *Louisville, Ky.*
71 Mrs. Samuel McKee } . . *Mrs. T. Hoyt Gamble*
Louisville, Ky.

Portraits by John Grimes

	Courtesy of
72 Mrs. Washington Barrow .	*Mrs. Thomas Clay* *Lexington, Ky.*
73 James Ware Parrish . . . (Attributed)	*Lt.-Col. A. N. S. Strode-Jackson* *Louisville, Ky.*
74 Orlando Payne . . . . . (Attributed.) (Endeared himself to the people of Lexington during the cholera epidemic of 1833.)	*Miss Ophelia Chiles* *Lexington, Ky.*

Miniatures by Jouett and Photographs of Portraits not Exhibited

(On display in case)

Mrs. John Harris Todd . . (Miniature) (Daughter-in-law of Chief Justice Todd, subsequently Mrs. John J. Crittenden, appears on the Crittenden Bank note)	*Mrs. John R. Williams* *Louisville, Ky.*
General Postlewaite . . . . (Miniature)	*Mr. and Mrs. Emile Pragoff* *Louisville, Ky.*
Dr. Samuel Brown . . . . (Younger brother of John Brown, first to use vaccine in the West)	*Miss Mary Mason Scott* *"Liberty Hall," Frankfort, Ky.*
Honorable James Brown . . (First Secretary of State of Kentucky, First U. S. Senator from Louisiana, Minister to France when the Monroe Doctrine was transmitted by his hands to the French Government)	*Miss Mary Mason Scott* *"Liberty Hall," Frankfort, Ky.*
Preston Watts Brown . . .	*Miss Mary Mason Scott* *"Liberty Hall," Frankfort, Ky.*
Rev. John M. Mason . . . (Stuart)	*Miss Mary Mason Scott* *"Liberty Hall," Frankfort, Ky.*
James G. McKinney	*Cleveland Museum of Art*
The Edgehill Portrait of Jefferson . . . . . . (Stuart)	*Mrs. W. H. Martin* *Midway, Ky.*

Miniatures by Jouett and Photographs of Portraits not Exhibited

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	Courtesy of
Dolly Madison . . . . . (Stuart)	*Mrs. W. H. Martin* *Midway, Ky.*
Mr. Justice Thomas Todd .	*Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Ward* *Louisville, Ky.*
Mrs. Thomas Todd . . . . (nee Lucy Payne, sister of Dolly Madison)	*Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Ward* *Louisville, Ky.*
Col. Charles Stuart Todd . . (Minister to Russia)	*Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Ward* *Louisville, Ky.*
The Crittenden Bank Note . ($5.00)	*Mrs. John R. Williams* *Louisville, Ky.*
The Crittenden Bank Note . ($20.00)	*Mrs. W. H. Martin* *Midway, Ky.*
The Crittenden Bank Note . ($50.00)	*Mrs. Theodore O'Hara Samuels* *Louisville, Ky.*
The Crittenden Cup	*Mrs. Theodore O'Hara Samuels* *Louisville, Ky.*